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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Filippo Bastia et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application prior to the examination  
thereof as follows.